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SUBJECT:INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES ICAF

1974 FIELD TRIP

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1. ICAF APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S APPROVAL OF ANNUAL VISIT
AND NOTES SUGGESTION ICAF LIMIT
STAY TO THREE DAYS IN ORDER HELP PLAY DOWN U.S. MILITARY
PRESENCE (REFTEL A). BECAUSE PROPOSED VISIT TO INDONESIA
AND SINGAPORE PRIOR ARRIVAL BANGKOK APPROVED BY POSTS AND
IN PROCESS CLEARANCE BY HOST GOVERNMENTS, ICAF HAS SOUGHT
MEANS TO ACCOMMODATE EMBASSY BANGKOK'S VIEW AND STILL NOT
DISTURB PLANS ALREADY IN PROCESS ELSEWHERE. ADDING
ADDITIONAL STOP AFTER BANGKOK DOES NOT SEEM PRACTICAL FOR
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FISCAL REASONS.

2. ICAF ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN VISIT TO THAILAND WHICH WAS LAST VISITED IN 1965. TYPE OF PROGRAM ENVISAGED BY COLLEGE (DISCUSSED INFORMALLY TELECON WITH PROJECT OFFICER COLONEL EWAN) CONCENTRATES ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND THUS SECURITY ONLY IN BROADEST SENSE. THERE WOULD BE NO EMPHASIS ON PURELY MILITARY MATTERS--GROUP COMPOSED OF 13 OFFICERS AND FOUR CIVILIANS ALWAYS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT.

3. IN LIGHT ABOVE FACTORS ICAF REQUESTS EMBASSY'S CONSIDERATION OF PROGRAM FOR FIVE DAY STAY, I.E., ARRIVE LATE SUNDAY, MAY 19 AND DEPART FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 24, INCLUDING IF EMBASSY DEEMS APPROPRIATE, 3-1/2 DAYS IN BANGKOK AND 1 DAY VISIT OUTSIDE OF CAPITAL. ICAF WOULD MUCH PREFER FIVE DAYS IN THAILAND BUT FURTHER REDUCTION CAN BE MADE IF NECESSARY. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE REVISED ICAF VISIT PROPOSAL. KISSINGER

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